



WELLS STATE PARK

2017 JULY CALENDAR

Park Interpreter: Brittany

Park Phone Number: 508-347-9257

All programs are free and open to the public. The daily parking fee is \$5 per in-state vehicle and \$6 per out of state.

Reasonable accommodations available upon request. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Visitors Center open posted times.

For more information please call the park, or visit: <http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/dcr/massparks/region-central/wells-state-park.html>

Sunday	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Friday	Saturday
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NATURE CENTER

Stop by the Interpretive Center to learn more about Wells State Park and the plants, animals, and birds that live here. Check out our Weekly Wildlife display, and learn a little (or a lot!) about our local history. Bring questions to stump the Interpreter! Games, books, and activities are available for the kids. All ages welcome! Children must be accompanied by a parent or adult guardian.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS

Carpenter's Rock Hike	Meet at the Nature Center to hike to Carpenter's Rock with the Park Interpreter. The view from the top is well worth the climb. Along the way we'll look for clues of the effects of humans and nature on the trail, and discover how Wells State Park looks today compared to 200 years ago. This program is geared for anyone who can complete a moderately steep hike, less than 2 miles on rocky, uneven, and occasionally steep terrain; most of this trail is uphill. Wear sturdy
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	shoes or boots, and bring water. Bring bug spray if desired. Children must be accompanied by a parent or adult guardian. Rain cancels.
Night Hike	Meet the Park Interpreter at the pavilion to explore Wells State Park at night! See how much of your sight is limited, and how your other senses kick in! Maybe we'll even get to see or hear some night creatures. Wear sturdy shoes (no flip-flops please), and bring bug spray and water. This walk is approximately one mile, on easy terrain, and is suitable for all ages. All children must be accompanied by a parent or adult guardian. Rain cancels.
Creature Feature	Meet the Park Interpreter at the Nature Center for this special program about the animals of Wells State Park. Each week we'll be talking about a different creature, so join us as often as you can! Animals we'll cover will include beavers, black bears, dragonflies, bats, porcupines, and many more! Some weeks may include a small hike, so be prepared with water, bug spray, and sunscreen. Check out our other flyers to see what the topic is for this week! All children must be accompanied by a parent or adult guardian.
Wetlands at Wells	Meet the Park Interpreter at the Nature Center to take a peek at our wetland areas here at Wells! We'll go on a hike through part of the Mill Pond Trail and onto the bike trail to find out how these kinds of landscapes work! This program is approximately one mile on easy terrain, and is suitable for children ages 7 and up. Wear sturdy shoes or boots (no flip-flops please), and bring water. Bring bug spray if desired. All children must be accompanied by a parent or adult guardian. Rain cancels.
Kidleidescope Kids	Meet the Park Interpreter at the picnic table outside the Nature Center for this program geared toward children ages 3 – 6; siblings welcome. We'll read a themed short story, take a walk, and then complete a related craft. Each week will feature a different topic, so join us as often as you can! Bring water, and bug spray and sunscreen if desired. All children must be accompanied by a parent or adult guardian.
Owl Prowl	Join us at the pavilion for a short talk on the amazing night life of owls and how they're so unique! After the talk, we'll go for a short and easy night hike on the Mill Pond Trail to learn about owl calls and try to make some owl calls of our own. Make sure you have good hiking shoes (no flip-flops please). Bring water and bug spray if desired. All children must be accompanied by a parent or adult guardian. Rain cancels.
Stone Wall Walk	Meet at the Nature Center. Take a walk with the Interpreter on the Mill Pond Trail to learn more about the interesting history behind our old stone walls. Learn what life was like here during the 1800s, as well as how to identify previous land use by examining our stone walls. You'll get some great information to take home with you! This walk is approximately 1 mile.

	Easy terrain, accessible trail. All ages welcome. Rain cancels.
Explorer's Hour	Join us at the beach for a hands-on, interactive discovery program! Explore some of the many experiences and activities Wells has to offer by unwrapping mystery items related to the park. Put on your explorer's hat as we try to figure out how each item relates to the park, and why it's so important. This program is geared toward all ages. All children must be accompanied by a parent or adult guardian. If it's raining, this program will take place at the Nature Center.
Healthy Heart Trail Walk	Walking is a great way to stay healthy! Join us at the Nature Center where we will start our mile long walk through the Mill Pond Trail. Learn some health and wellness tips, and get active! The Mill Pond Trail is approximately 1 mile long. The trail is accessible, with easy terrain. Be sure to bring water, bug spray, and sturdy shoes! All ages and ability levels are welcome. Friendly pets welcome on a leash. Rain cancels.
Take a Hike	Join us at the Nature Center where we will set out to stretch our legs on some of Wells State Park's great hiking trails. We will hike a different trail each week, so join in as often as you can! Hikes are approximately 1 to 2 miles in length, usually over rocky terrain, with some uphill walking. Be sure to join our email list for a preview of each week's hike. Bring sturdy shoes, water, and bug spray. This program is geared toward adults who are new to hiking, or prefer to hike in a group. Rain cancels.
Owl Pellet Extravaganza	Join us at the Nature Center where we will examine an owl's dinner firsthand! Using tweezers and magnifying glasses, we will dissect an owl pellet and learn about this fascinating creature's favorite foods. All materials are provided, but space is limited! Please register for this program in person at the Contact Station, or by calling the park at 508-347-9257. This program is geared towards children ages ten and up. All children must be accompanied by a parent or adult guardian.